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Sub-Assistant Surgeons over 50 years of age and 30 years of service.

325 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there are sub-assistant surgeons still in service of over 50 years of age and 30 years of service who have not been compulsorily retired ?

A.—There are a few sub-assistant surgeons of over 50 years of age and 30 years of service in the *selection* grade.

Promotions of compounders.

326 Q.—Mr. YAHYA ALI SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state if no promotions were made of Compounders to the Selection grade in the Government Headquarter Hospital, Guntur ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. YAHYA ALI SAHIB :—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Yes."

The allopathic dispensary at Tirukkarangudi.

327 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Shermadevi Taluk Board has resolved to close the allopathic dispensary at Tirukkarangudi ;

(*b*) the reasons for such a step ; and

(*c*) whether, under proper management, the chatram, from whose funds the dispensary was being maintained, would show an annual saving of about Rs. 3,000 ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government understand that the Taluk Board has decided to close the dispensary on financial grounds.

(*c*) The President of the District Board has reported as follows in his administration report for 1922–23 :—

" There was a marked decrease in the receipts of the Tirukkarangudi chatram which fell from Rs. 25,934 to Rs. 14,483, the outstanding arrears amounting to Rs. 17,700. The tenants are said to be refractory and much difficulty is said to be felt in collection. The account of the chatram closed with a deficit balance of Rs. 12,459. The Taluk Board has decided to reduce the expenditure by Rs. 3,000 per annum to wipe off the deficit balance in the course of a few years."

Appointment of a civil surgeon in the place of Dr. Nedungadi.

328 Q.—The RAJA OF RAMNAD : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state why, on the retirement of Dr. Nedungadi, a military assistant surgeon was confirmed as civil surgeon without one in the regular line being promoted to fill up the said vacancy ?